

REMARKS

By Examiner's amendment, independent Claim 24 was cancelled and dependent Claims 25-27 were changed to depend from independent Claim 23. However, upon review, Applicant believes it is inappropriate to change Claims 25 and 26 to depend from independent Claim 23 for the following reasons:

- i) the references to "first switching element" and "second switching element" in Claims 25 and 26 are inconsistent with the use of these terms in Claim 23; and
- ii) the additional recitations in dependent Claims 25 and 26 are essentially already present in independent Claim 23.

For these reasons, dependent Claims 25 and 26 should properly be cancelled. As this amendment does not affect the allowability of the remaining claims, entry is believed to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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